

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 3, 5-7, and 9-13, and add new Claims 14 and 15. The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

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comprising:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A network device managing apparatus

acquiring specifying means for specifying a device on a network as a management target ~~and acquiring management information for the specified device;~~

acquiring means for acquiring management information of the device before said specifying means specifies the device;

storing means for storing the management information of the device acquired by said acquiring means;

generating means for generating output information to ~~display~~ prepare for displaying the acquired management information in a predetermined form in accordance with identification information of the device; and

transferring means for transferring, to a predetermined communication link of the network, the output information generated by said generating means in accordance with a specification of the device by said specifying means,

wherein, if there is a link to other output information in the output information, said acquiring means acquires [[the]] management information necessary for [[said]] the other

output information.

Claim 2 (original): The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the management information is information in an MIB form.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein ~~[[the]]~~ said generating means generates the output information based on ~~[[a]]~~ data, which ~~contains~~ includes an HTML format for defining the predetermined form, and a management information item of the device.

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Claim 4 (original): The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said generating means generates the output information in an HTML format.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The apparatus according to claim 1, ~~wherein~~ further comprising output means for outputting the output information.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The apparatus according to claim 1, ~~wherein~~ further comprising output means for displaying the output information in accordance with a URL.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A network device managing method using

an SNMP a predetermined network management protocol, comprising:

~~the generating a specification step of specifying a device on a network as a management target and generating a command for acquiring management information for the device and setting the information in a memory;~~

an acquisition step of acquiring management information of the device before the device is specified in said specification step;

a storage step of storing the management information of the device acquired in said acquisition step in a memory;

A ~~the setting a generation step of setting, on the basis of the command, generating output information to prepare for displaying the acquired management information of the device which is acquired through the network in said memory in a predetermined form in accordance with identification information of the device; and~~

~~the output step of outputting/displaying the set or acquired management information of the device in a predetermined form~~ a transfer step of transferring, to a predetermined communication link of the network, the output information generated in said generation step in accordance with a specification of the device in said specification step,

wherein, if there is a link to other output information in the output information, said acquisition step acquiring management information necessary for the other output information.

Claim 8 (original): The method according to claim 7, wherein the management

information is information in an MIB form.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The method according to claim 7, wherein the ~~command contains~~ output information generated in said generation step is generated based on data, which includes an HTML format for defining the predetermined form, and a management information item of the device.

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Claim 10 (currently amended): The method according to claim 7, wherein the ~~output information generated in said generation step comprises displaying the set or acquired result is generated~~ in an HTML format.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The method according to claim 7, ~~wherein if there is an URL linked to the management information, the setting step further comprises setting or acquiring linked management further comprising an output step of outputting the output information.~~

Claim 12 (currently amended): The method according to claim 7, ~~wherein the output step comprises displaying a result of management information set or acquired in accordance with the~~ further comprising a display step of displaying the output information in accordance with a URL.

Claim 13 (currently amended): A computer-readable storage medium storing a program for managing network devices using ~~an SNMP~~ a predetermined network management protocol, the program comprising:

a code for ~~generating the~~ a specification step of specifying a device on a network as a management target ~~and generating a command for acquiring management information for the device and setting the information in a memory;~~

a code for an acquisition step of acquiring management information for the device before the device is specified in the specification step;

a code for a storage step of storing the management information of the device acquired in the acquisition step in a memory;

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a code for setting a generation step of ~~setting, on the basis of the command,~~ generating output information to prepare for displaying the acquired management information of the device ~~which is acquired through the network in said memory~~ in a predetermined form in accordance with identification information of the device; and

a code for ~~the output step of outputting/displaying the set or acquired management information of the device in a predetermined form~~ a transfer step of transferring, to a predetermined communication link of the network, the output information generated in the generation step in accordance with a specification of the device in the specification step,

wherein, if there is a link to other output information in the output information, the acquisition step includes acquiring management information necessary for the other output information.

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Claim 14 (new): A network device managing apparatus comprising:

specifying means for specifying a device on a network as a management target;

acquiring means for acquiring management information including a first

property related to the device specified by said specifying means; and

A2 generating means for generating a first output information to display the first

property in a predetermined form in accordance with identification information of the device,

wherein the first output information generated by said generating means

includes address information indicating a location of a second output information in a storage,

the second output information including a second property related to the device specified by said specification means.

Claim 15 (new): The apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the first

property and the second property are different properties, and each property is related to one of

network information, status information of the device, error information, and information for

indicating details of a protocol of the network.